



## Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

APRIL THROUGH JULY 4, 2013

860-429-3333

[www.mansfieldct.org/trash](http://www.mansfieldct.org/trash)

### TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

The week of Memorial Day - no change in trash & recycling collection days.  
The week of **July Fourth** - **Thursday's service will be moved to Friday.**

### NEW FISHING LINE RECYCLING

Littered monofilament fishing line can be deadly to marine mammals, turtles, fish and birds. Mansfield has placed fishing line recycling tubes (made out of PVC pipe) at several local fishing holes. Please retrieve all snagged fishing line and place in these containers.

### RID LITTER DAY, MAY 4, 2013

Get out and clean up your road, nearby stretch of woods, or a local park on Saturday, May 4, 2013. Bags of roadside litter can either be placed out with curbside collection (no limit restriction) or taken to the transfer station at no cost.

### EXTRA HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

You may put out extra household garbage on your regular collection day the week of May 6, 2013. Extra garbage does not include bulky items, which should be taken to the transfer station.

### SWAP SHOP DONATIONS

There is no charge to donate good quality items for the Mansfield Swap Shop. Swap Shop donations will be inspected at the gate, and low quality donations, determined by the transfer station supervisor, will be charged.

### ADOPT A ROAD

Is there a particularly littered section of road in your neighborhood? Currently 90 residents or organizations have committed to keep Mansfield clean by joining Mansfield Adopt A Road. They cover about one quarter of the 104 miles of Mansfield roads. Those who adopt a portion of a Mansfield road pick up litter at their convenience during the course of a year. By participating, the litter will not be subject to a charge at the transfer station or a limit with trash collection service. Contact the Public Works Department at 860-429-3333 or go to [www.mansfieldct.org/aar](http://www.mansfieldct.org/aar) to sign up.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

The Regional Chemical Waste Drop-Off Facility, located on Hancock Road in Willington, opens April 20, 2013 and will be open the first and third Saturdays of the month until November 2 (*closed July 6 and Sept 7, 2013*). The hours are 9 am to 2 pm for residential hazardous waste disposal. For more information call 860-429-3333 or go to [www.mansfieldct.org/hhw](http://www.mansfieldct.org/hhw).

### LARGE RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

Twenty-two gallon recycling containers are available for \$10 at the Mansfield Town Hall. The 22 gallon container, at 21 inches tall and 17 inches across, is well suited for single stream recycling.

### COMPOST COLLECTION CONTAINERS

2.25 gallon kitchen compost collection containers are available for \$16.00 through the Town. Since they were purchased in bulk, we can pass along a modest savings to you. We also have gently-used collection containers for \$6. Call 860-429-3333 or e-mail [waltonvd@mansfieldct.org](mailto:waltonvd@mansfieldct.org) if you would like to purchase one.

## PLANT POT REUSE

Undamaged plant pots (1 gallon and smaller) and trays of all sizes can be reused at Hockanum Greenhouse on the corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44. They are a non-profit organization dedicated to serving adults with disabilities.

## MEDICINE DISPOSAL

In streams and rivers across the Nation, scientists are finding detectable concentrations of pharmaceuticals, such as antidepressants, hormones and antibiotics. Drugs in water, even in highly diluted concentrations, can have adverse effects on aquatic life and human health. Disposal of unwanted medication down the toilet or sink can pass through septic systems and sewage treatment plants untreated into our water system.

*Place medicine in the trash.* Mansfield's garbage is burned at a trash incinerator at very high temperatures, which destroys these products and prevents them from getting into our water. The CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recommends that you follow these steps before you put any medicines in the trash:

1. Keep medication in original container. Cross out patient's name.
2. Modify medications to discourage consumption. For solids, add a small amount of water to dissolve. For liquids, add salt or a powdered spice. For blister packs, wrap in duct tape.
3. Tape container lid shut.
4. Discard the container in your garbage can.

For more background information go to <http://toxics.usgs.gov/regional/emc/index.html>

## NOTIFICATION OF TRASH SERVICE CHANGES

To be informed of trash service changes due to an emergency, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov). Click on the E-mail notification tab. Select the Press Releases and/or Environmental Programs boxes.

## SOLARIZE MANSFIELD PROGRAM, APRIL 17, 2013

Solarize Mansfield-Windham is a town and state supported initiative that makes solar easy and affordable. Solarize helps residents of Windham and Mansfield purchase solar at incredibly discounted rates by combining bulk purchasing from the selected solar installer (C-Tec Solar), state incentives and federal rebates. On Wednesday, **April 17, 2013** at 7 pm in the Mansfield Public Library Buchanan Auditorium, residents can learn more about how to participate. C-TEC will offer the same low prices for both business and residential installations. For more information call 860-372-4406 or visit [www.solarizect.com](http://www.solarizect.com).

## KILL-A-WATT METERS AVAILABLE

Inefficient appliances can be a significant contributor to your electric bill. Kill-A-Watt meters are a useful tool for showing how much electricity an appliance uses. Simply plug it into the outlet and the appliance into the meter. The Town has Kill-A-Watt meters available for loan. If you are interested in borrowing one, call 860-429-3333.

## PLANNING FOR A CHANGED CLIMATE, APRIL 29, 2013

On Monday, **April 29, 2013** at 7 pm in the Mansfield Town Hall Council Chambers, Frank Lowenstein, from The Nature Conservancy, and a panel of regional and local officials will present how climate is affecting our communities and some of the ways it is being addressed regionally and locally. This program is hosted by the Mansfield Sustainability Committee, and offered in partnership with UConn's Climate Impact Mitigation and Adaptation (CIMA2) committee.